

County Judge Chad Sims Harrison County

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Pursuant to Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code requiring governmental bodies to give notice of their meetings, this is to advise that a REGULAR meeting of the Harrison County Commissioner's Court will be held at 9:00 a.m. on the 11th day of September, 2025 in the Commissioners' Courtroom at the Harrison County Historic Courthouse in Marshall, Texas, at which time the Commissioners' Court will consider all matters pertaining to Harrison County business and grant authorization for the County Judge to execute any and all documents as may come before said Commissioner's Court for approval, including by way of information but not limitation, the following matters:

INVOCATION

<u>PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE</u>: AMERICAN FLAG TEXAS FLAG

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Harrison County Extension Agents won the following awards:

Jennifer Dyson, CEA-4-H Youth Development:

Texas Association of Extension 4-H Youth Program Development Communicator Award- Exhibit Communicator Award- Educational Piece Golden Clover- Early Career Achievement Award

Louraiseal McDonald, CEA-FCH:

Texas Extension Association Family & Consumer Sciences Community Partnership Award-Team

Matt Garrett, CEA Ag and Natural Resources:

Texas Counties Agriculture Association
Communication Award Audio Recording Radio Show KMHT 1st Place
Communication Award Personal Column Marshall News Messenger 1st Place
Communication Award Website and Online Content 2nd Place

Recognition of the Sam Houston Elementary STEM Academy in Marshall, TX and George Washington Carver Elementary in Karnack, TX won the Texas A&M

AgriLife Extension Healthy School Recognized Camp Award

"PROCLAMATION DECLARING SEPTEMBER 2025 AS SUICIDE AWARENESS MONTH"

PUBLIC COMMENTS - AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

EXECUTIVE SESSION AS NEEDED REGARDING ITEMS LISTED ON AGENDA:

The Commissioners Court of Harrison County, Texas reserves the right to conduct an executive/closed session at any time during the course of this meeting to discuss any matter listed on the agenda posted for this meeting, as needed, pursuant to one or more authorized and applicable exceptions to an open meeting described in Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code (the Texas Open Meeting Act), including but not limited to the following statutory exceptions: Texas Government Code Sections 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney regarding pending or contemplated litigation or a settlement offer) and 551.129 (Private Consultation with Attorney using telephone conference, video or internet communications for legal advice only), 551.072 (Deliberation Regarding Real Property), 551.073 (Deliberation Regarding Prospective Gift or Donation), 551.074 (Personnel Matters), 551.076 and 551.089 (Deliberation Regarding Security Devices or Security Audits), or 551.087 (Deliberation Regarding Economic Development Negotiations)

DECLARE A QUORUM OF MEMBERS PRESENT and VOTING:

CALL TO ORDER:

AGENDA

A. AUDITOR:

Administrative Report: No action to be taken – Submission of financial reports

- 1. Consideration and approval regarding Line Item Transfers.
- 2. Consideration and approval of payment of Regular Bills.
- 3. Consideration and approval of Payroll for August 29, 2025.
- 4. Consideration and action to approve a Budget Amendment pursuant to LGC Sec. 111.0106. Special Budget for Grant or Aid money regarding the Texas State University Tobacco Stings.
- 5. Consideration and approval for Budget Amendment per LGC Sec. 111.011 changes to budget for county purposes.

B. ROAD AND BRIDGE DEPARTMENT:

<u>Administrative Report: No action to be taken – Concerning status of construction, maintenance and repairs of county roads, bridges, and right of ways; also concerning condition of equipment.</u>

- 1. Consideration and approval of personnel changes for the Harrison County Road & Bridge Department.
- 2. Consideration and action regarding the approval of the utility applications submitted to the Harrison County Road & Bridge Department:

Spectrum Gulf Coast LLC:

Craig Road – CR 3003

Ireland Williams – CR 1106 (2) Longridge Church Road – CR 1107

Sneed Road - CR 1108

Web Rogers Rd – CR 1103

Gum Springs Water Supply Corporation:

Hunt Cutoff -CR 3630

Tristate NLA, LLC:

Mt. Pleasant Rd - CR 3505 (3) Stan Summers Rd - CR 3506 Elbert Page - CR 4605

C. SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT:

<u>Administrative Report: No action to be taken – Concerning statistics reflecting law enforcement activity; execution of civil responsibilities; jail population and location of and turnover in prisoners.</u>

1. Consideration and action to accept a donation in the amount of \$200 from David Thomas, which is to be used for the Harrison County K9 Program.

D. COUNTY CLERK:

1. Consideration and approval of the transcribed minutes of the Commissioner's Court meeting on August 26, 2025.

E. TREASURER:

- 1. Consideration and approval of the Harrison County Treasurer's Investment Report for the month of July 2025.
- 2. Consideration and action regarding the approval of Treasurer's Monthly Report for July 2025 and the authorization to publish on the county website pursuant to LGC section 114.026.

F. NEW BUSINESS:

- 1. Consideration and approval of setting Sheriff's & Constable's Fees to be effective January 1. 2026.
- 2. Consideration and action regarding the approval of the TxDOT Airport Project M2619MARS Agreement regarding the Routine Airport Maintenance Program (RAMP).
- 3. Consideration and action regarding the approval of the Notice of General Election to be held on November 4, 2025, to adopt Proposed Constitutional Amendments.
- 4. Consideration and action regarding the approval of the Lead Judges for the November 4th, 2025 General Election.

G. <u>FY 2025-2026 BUDGET ITEMS:</u>

- 1. PUBLIC HEARING Proposed 2025-2026 Harrison County Budget
- 2. Consideration and action regarding the adoption of the FY 2025-2026 Budget to include the following:
 - a. PUBLIC HEARING Proposed 2025-2026 Salaries, Expenses and other Allowances of Elected County Officials.
 - b. Setting of salaries, expenses, and other allowances of Elected County Officials for FY 2025-2026.
 - c. PUBLIC HEARING Proposed County Clerk's Record Archive Fee Plan 2024-2025.
 - d. Approval of County Clerk's 2025-2026 Record Archive Fee Plan.
 - e. PUBLIC HEARING Proposed District Clerk's Records Technology Plan 2025-2026
 - f. Approval of District Clerk's 2025-2026 Records Technology Plan.
 - g. Setting of pay for Jurors for District and County Court, Grand Jurors, Door Bailiff and Grand Jury Commissioners for FY 2025-2026.
 - h. Approval of Orders by the District Judge, Brad Morin as follows:
 - 1. Approval of Order Setting Salaries of County Auditor and Assistant Auditors
 - 2. Approval of Order appointing District Court Reporter and setting of salary.
 - 3. Approval of Order appointing District Court Bailiff and setting of salary.
 - i. Approval of Orders by the County Court at Law Judge Joe Black as follows:
 - 1. Approval of Order appointing County Court at Law Bailiff and setting salary.
 - 2. Approval of Order appointing County Court at Law Reporter and setting salary.
 - j. Consideration and approval of action to establish the 2025-2026 annual employment positions and compensation for county employees.

- 3. Consideration and action regarding the adoption of the Harrison County Budget for FY 2025-2026.
- 4. PUBLIC HEARING discussion on Tax Increase for FY 2025-2026.
- 5. Consideration and action to take a record vote to adopt and set Ad Valorem Tax Rate for Harrison County FY 2025-2026.
- 6. Consideration and action to ratify property tax collection increase of \$1,718,369.00 for FY 2025-2026.
- 7. Consideration and approval of setting fees to be collected by the County Clerk and District Clerk for FY 2025-2026 that are not mandated by statute.
- 8. Consideration and approval for technical training for all JP's and their clerks for the fiscal year 2025-2026 to be paid for out of the JP Tech Fund.
- 9. Consideration and approval to pay eight days (Sept 22nd Sept 30th) at the new pay rate that will be effective October 1, 2025.
- 10. Consideration and approval of the Resolution setting the FY 2025-2026 Regular Terms of Court for the Harrison County Commissioners' Court, to include Dates for Regular Meetings of the Commissioner' Court October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2026 and approval of the Senior Member of Commissioners Court to Preside as Judge Pro Tem for said meetings in absence of County Judge.
- 11. Consideration and approval of the Harrison County Holiday Schedule October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2026.

To see more information regarding the FY 2025-2026 Budget for Harrison County please go to: https://www.harrisoncountytexas.gov/page/harrison.Budgets

ATTACHED: TAXPAYER IMPACT STATEMENT FOR THE COUNTY OF HARRISON

ADJOURN

CHAD SIMS, COUNTY JUDGE

This is to certify that at the time and date stamped hereon, the notice of a meeting, a copy of which is attached hereto, has been filed in my office, and posted on my official bulletin board in the Courthouse, as is required by Texas Government Code, Chapter 551.

Executed on: September 5, 2025

COUNTY CLERK
HARRISON COUNTY, TEXAS

(In accordance with Title III of the Americans with Disabilities Act, we invite all attendees to advise us of any special accommodations due to disability. Please submit your request as far as possible in advance of the program you wish to attend.)

TAXPAYER IMPACT STATEMENT FOR THE COUNTY OF HARRISON

Pursuant to §551.043 Texas Government Code

PROPOSED TAX RATE	\$0.34280000 per	\$100
NO-NEW-REVENUE TAX RATE	\$0.32703200 per	\$100
VOTER-APPROVAL TAX RATE	\$0.34280000 per	\$100
2025 AVERAGE TAXABLE HOMESTEAD VALUE	\$155,531	
2025 EST OF TAX ON AVE. HOMESTEAD @ PROPOSED RATE	\$533.16	
2025 EST OF TAX ON AVE. HOMESTEAD @ NO-NEW-REVENUE RATE	\$508.64	

The Texas Legislature has amended §551.043 of the Texas Government Code to require a Taxpayer Impact Statement to be included with a governing body's notice of meeting to adopt budgets and tax rates.

The tax rate proposed this year by the Commissioner's Court of the COUNTY OF HARRISON is \$0.34280000/\$100 of value. The average taxable value of a homesteaded property in the COUNTY OF HARRISON for 2025 is \$155,531. The proposed tax rate would result in an estimated tax on an average homestead of \$533.16.

If the Commisioner's Court of the COUNTY OF HARRISON adopted a tax rate equal to this year's no-new-revenue rate of \$0.32703200/\$100 of value, the tax on the average homestead property for 2025 would be \$508.64.